

Mountain goat prized hunting opportunity

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Utah's Rocky Mountain Goat is a trophy very few hunters will ever get. It is prized with the best because of its rareness, its snow white beauty, the challenging rugged habitat and the very few who get an opportunity to hunt it.

The Rocky Mountain Goat hunt is a once-in-a-lifetime hunt which began only a few years ago. Permittees are selected early in March to allow them ample time to prepare for the September-October hunt. The terrain inhabited by Rocky Mountain Goat is extremely rugged. The hunt is considered very difficult, however, the month long hunt usually ends in success for most permit holders.

Hunting Rocky Mountain Goats in Utah is a reality because of successful transplanting operations performed by Utah's Division of Wildlife Resources. Dick Worthen, a dedicated DWR employee, has been following, counting, and caring for Utah's Rocky Mountain Goats for many years. He retired in September of this year and the goats lost a very capable guardian.

In 1967, the first transplant of six goats came to Utah. The goats were trapped on the Olympic Peninsula of Washington and transferred to Utah's Lone Peak Wilderness area.



Dick Worthen photos

These beautiful Rocky Mountain goats love the steep terrain of Mt. Timpanogos.

The goats disappeared from the minimum of a 15 power spot-

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